

Largest Employers in Oconto County

These employers provide over one half of all the jobs in the county

Employer Name	Product or Service
K C S Intl Inc.	Boat Building & Repairing
Oconto Falls Public School	Elementary & Secondary School
Saputo Cheese USA Inc.	Natural, Processed, & Imitation Cheese
County of Oconto	Executive & Legislative Govt. Office
Coop Ed. Service Agency #8	Admin. of Environmental Programs
Evenflo Co. Inc.**	Wood Household Furn., Except Upholstered
Oconto Public School	Elementary & Secondary School
Community Memorial Hospital Inc.	Gen. Med. & Surgical Hospitals
Heyde Health Systems-Oconto	Skilled Nursing Care Facility
Trm Inc.	Hrdwd. Veneer & Plywood
Unlimited Services of Wis. Inc.	Current-Carrying Wiring Devices
Woodland Village Inc.	Skilled Nursing Care Facility
Cera-Mite Corp	Electronic Capacitors
Thompson Foods Inc.	Grocery Store
Gillett Public School	Elementary & Secondary School
Suring Public School	Elementary & Secondary School
Lena Public School	Elementary & Secondary School
Nercon Eng & Mfg. Inc.	Conveyors & Conveying Equipment
Chiquita Processed Foods LLC	Canned Fruits, Veg., Preserves, Jams, & Jellies
Associated Hygienic Products Inc.	Sanitary Paper Products
Piggly Wiggly	Grocery Store
City of Oconto Oconto County	Executive & Legislative Govt. Office
Mirro Craft	Boat Building & Repairing
Oconto Falls Tissue Inc.	Paper Mills
Oconto Memorial Hospital Inc.	Gen. Med. & Surgical Hospitals
Wayne's Family Restaurant	Eating & Drinking Place
Pendl Companies Inc.	Computer Maintenance & Repair
Pulaski Community School District	Elementary & Secondary School
Nicolet Plastics Inc.	Plastics Product, NEC
Diversified Woodcrafts Inc.	Public Building & Related Furniture
Kelly Pickle Co	Pickled Fruits & Veggies
Us Postal Service/Oconto Rural	United States Postal Service
Badger Paper Mills Inc.	Commercial Printing, NEC
Drewe's Trucking Inc.	Local Trucking Without Storage
Hi-Way Inc.	Gasoline Service Station

Source: WI DWD, Unemployment Compensation file, March 2003**
Evenflo closed operations in 2003

For more information:

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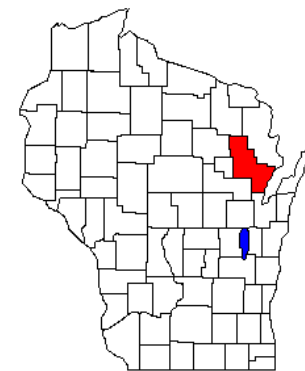
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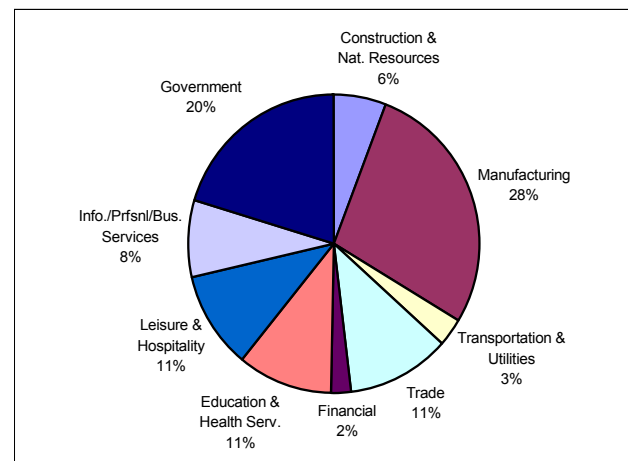


Oconto County...

has a typical employment distribution for northeast Wisconsin. It has a higher percentage of workers employed in the manufacturing sector than the State of Wisconsin, and a fairly even distribution of other industries. Over 28 percent of the workers are employed in manufacturing, compared to less than 19 percent for the state of Wisconsin and under 12 percent for the U. S. Employment growth in this sector grew more than most other sectors during the late 1990's. This has changed during the last several years, and manufacturing employment has decreased.

Only about 50 percent of the workforce lives and works in the county. The county loses almost 8,600 workers to other counties, primarily Brown County, while 2,100 workers drive to Oconto County for work.

Employment by Industry in Oconto County: 2002



The annual average wage in 2002 for employees in the larger major industries was: \$27,419 in manufacturing, \$25,077 in professional and business services, and \$19,785 in trade, transportation and utilities. The average annual wage for all employees was \$23,103. This was 71.3 percent of the average wage of \$320,422 for all workers in the state.

Occupations in demand in Wisconsin Bay Area

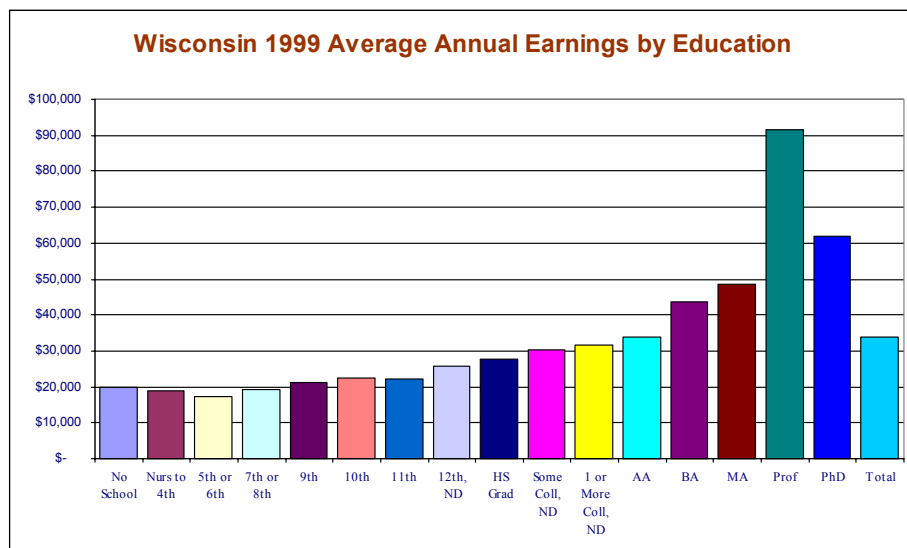
	Top Ten Occupations	Education & Training Typically Required*	Average Wage**
Fastest Growth	Computer Support Specialists	Associate degree	\$20.38
	Computer Soft Engrs Sysms Soft	Bachelor's degree	\$23.35
	Network Sysms/Data Comm Anal	Bachelor's degree	\$23.81
	Network/Computer Systems Admin	Bachelor's degree	\$22.13
	Computer Software Engrs Apps	Bachelor's degree	\$26.61
	Database Administrators	Bachelor's degree	\$21.75
	Personal and Home Care Aides	1-month or less training	\$8.44
	Medical Assts	1-12 mo. on-the-job training	\$11.51
	Medical Records/Health Info Techs	Associate degree	\$11.62
	Gaming Services Wrkrs	Postsecondary voc. trng	NA
Most Openings	Comb Food Prep/Serv Wrk/Incl Fast	1-month or less training	\$7.38
	Cashiers	1-month or less training	\$7.50
	Retail Salespersons	1-month or less training	\$10.27
	Waiters/Waitresses	1-month or less training	\$7.11
	Registered Nurses	Bachelor's degree	\$21.98
	Customer Service Reps	1-12 mo. on-the-job training	\$14.56
	Truck Drivers/Heavy/Tractor-Trailer	1-12 mo. on-the-job training	\$17.61
	Labrs/Frght/Stock/Matrl Movers/Hand	1-month or less training	\$10.64
	Office Clerks/General	1-month or less training	\$10.53
	Stock Clerks/Order Fillers	1-month or less training	\$11.33

* The most common way to enter the occupation, not the only way

** Wages from Occupation Employment Statistics survey responses for region, 2001

Bay Area WDA includes Brown, Door, Florence, Kewaunee, Manitowoc,

Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Shawano, and Sheboygan counties.



Source: US Census Bureau, Current Population Surveys, March 1998, 1999, 2000

Wages for 40 Occupations with the most workers

in the Oconto County labor market area. Hourly wage data was collected from local employers in early 2003 for the year 2002.

Over 40% of all the jobs in the area are in the occupations on this list!

Occupations	Average Hourly	Wage Range Low High	
Bartndrs	6.54	5.42	8.87
Bookkeeping, accounting, & auditing clerks	11.28	6.8	16.08
Carpenters	13.78	9.26	19.05
Cashiers	7.52	5.76	10.37
Combined food prep & serving wrkrs, including fast food	7.45	5.71	9.68
Construction lbrs	16.01	9.37	23.19
Cooks, restaurant	7.58	5.72	10.08
Customer service representatives	12.13	7.28	17.81
Electricians	19.47	12.36	27.35
Elementary school teachers, excpt spec.ed.	\$43,630 Ann. Avg		
Executive secretaries & admin assts	13.23	8.17	19.71
Fire fighters	15.74	6.34	27.43
F-L suprs/mgrs of ofc. & admin suppt wrkrs	18.84	10.42	30.53
F-L suprs/mgrs of production & operating wrkrs	20.28	11.78	31.18
F-L suprs/mgrs of retail sales wrkrs	14.52	7.57	23.58
Food prep wrkrs	7.51	5.96	9.78
General & operations managers	31.66	12.5	55.42
Hlprs--production wrkrs	11.96	7.72	17.13
Ind. truck & tractor oprs	12.6	9.48	16.94
Janitors & clnrs, except maids & housekeeping clnrs	9.45	6.35	14.25
Lbrs & freight, stock, & matl movers, hand	10.45	7.27	15.14
Licensed practical & licensed vocational nurses	14.88	12.08	18.05
Maids & housekeeping clnrs	8.07	6.17	10.18
maint. & repair wrkrs, general	14.43	9.51	20.66
Middle school teachers, excpt spec & voc. ed.	\$41,720 Ann. Avg		
Nursing aides, orderlies, & atndt's	9.66	7.71	12.52
Ofc. clerks, general	9.99	6.36	13.92
Packaging & filling mach. oprs & tndrs	11.96	8.77	15.98
Packers & packagers, hand	9.5	6.13	13.58
Paper goods mach. sttrs, oprs, & tndrs	17.35	12.17	23.43
Registered nurses	23.58	17.12	32.91
Retail salespersons	9.69	6.02	14.21
Secondary school teachers, excpt spec & voc. ed.	\$42,220 Ann. Avg		
Secretaries, except legal, medical, & executive	10.85	7.34	14.88
Stock clerks & order fillers	9.31	6.07	13.5
Teacher assts	\$20,570 Ann. Avg		
Team assemblers	10.81	7.45	14.38
Truck drivers, heavy & tractor-trailer	16.76	10.69	23.88
Truck drivers, light or delivery services	10.38	6.24	15.8
Waiters & waitresses	6.64	5.52	8.59

10% of wages are below and above wage range. Hourly average not available where annual wage is listed.

Survey includes data from: Adams, Florence, Green Lake, Juneau, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Portage, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood Counties.